

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service United States District Court Violation Notice		U.S. LOCATION CODE MN2
Violation Number W0799790	Officer Name (Print) MATTHEW ROBERTS	Officer No. WI0481
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING VIOLATION		
Date and Time of Offense (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/10/2017 2:30 PM	Offense Charged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CFR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USC <input type="checkbox"/> State Code 16 USC 1538(c)(3); 50 CFR 23.26(a)	
Place of Offense PORT OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA		
Offense Description: Factual Basis for Charge Import, export, re-export or trade in any Appendix I, II, III species in violation of Part 23.		
DEFENDANT INFORMATION		
Last Name BETTA WORLD	First Name	M.I.
<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100px;"></div>		
Vehicle VIN	Year	Make/Model
Tag No.	State	PASS <input type="checkbox"/> Color
<input type="checkbox"/> IF BOX A IS CHECKED, YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT. See INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF BOX B IS CHECKED, YOU MUST PAY AMOUNT INDICATED BELOW OR APPEAR IN COURT. See INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> \$ 500 + \$30 \$ 530 </div> <div> Forfeiture Amount Processing Fee Total Collateral Due </div> </div>		
PAY THIS AMOUNT →		
YOUR COURT DATE (If no court appearance date is shown, you will be notified of your appearance date by mail.)		
Court Address CENTRAL VIOLATIONS BUREAU: 800-827-2982		Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Time (hh:mm)
I, the undersigned, certify that I have received a copy of this violation notice. It is not an admission of guilt. I promise to appear for the hearing at the time and place instructed or pay the total collateral due. X Defendant Signature _____		

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
(For issuance of an arrest warrant or summons)

I state that on July 10, 2017, while exercising my duties as a law enforcement officer in the District of MINNESOTA

On 07/10/2017, BETTA WORLD imported a commercial shipment of 31 live white-blotch stingrays (Potamotrygon leopoldi) via KLM air cargo (Air Waybill 05752584505) into the Port of Minneapolis, Minnesota (from Thailand that was in violation of 16 USC 1538(c); 50 CFR 23.13(a)) import any Appendix-listed species in violation of Part 23. Specifically, BETTA WORLD declared 29 white-blotch stingrays upon import. BETTA WORLD had the required Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) export permit from Thailand, but the permit only allowed the import of 29 white-blotch stingrays. Federal wildlife regulations require the importer to have a valid CITES permit for all CITES-listed wildlife. White-blotch stingrays are protected by CITES at the Appendix III level. 2 white-blotch stingrays were abandoned to FWS by BETTA WORLD.

The aforementioned import was also in violation of 16 USC 1538(e); 50 CFR 14.61] Failure to Declare; and 16 USC 1538(c); 50 CFR 23.26] import any Appendix I, II, or III Species without a valid CITES document.

BETTA WORLD has been issued 2 warnings since January 2017 for similar violations.

The foregoing statement is based upon:
☒ my personal observation
☐ information supplied to me from my fellow officer's observation
☐ other (explain above)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information which I have set forth above and on the face of this violation notice is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on: 07/18/2017 Officer's Signature Matthew Roberts
 Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Probable cause has been stated for the issuance of a warrant.

Executed on: _____ U.S. Magistrate Judge _____
 Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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